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1957



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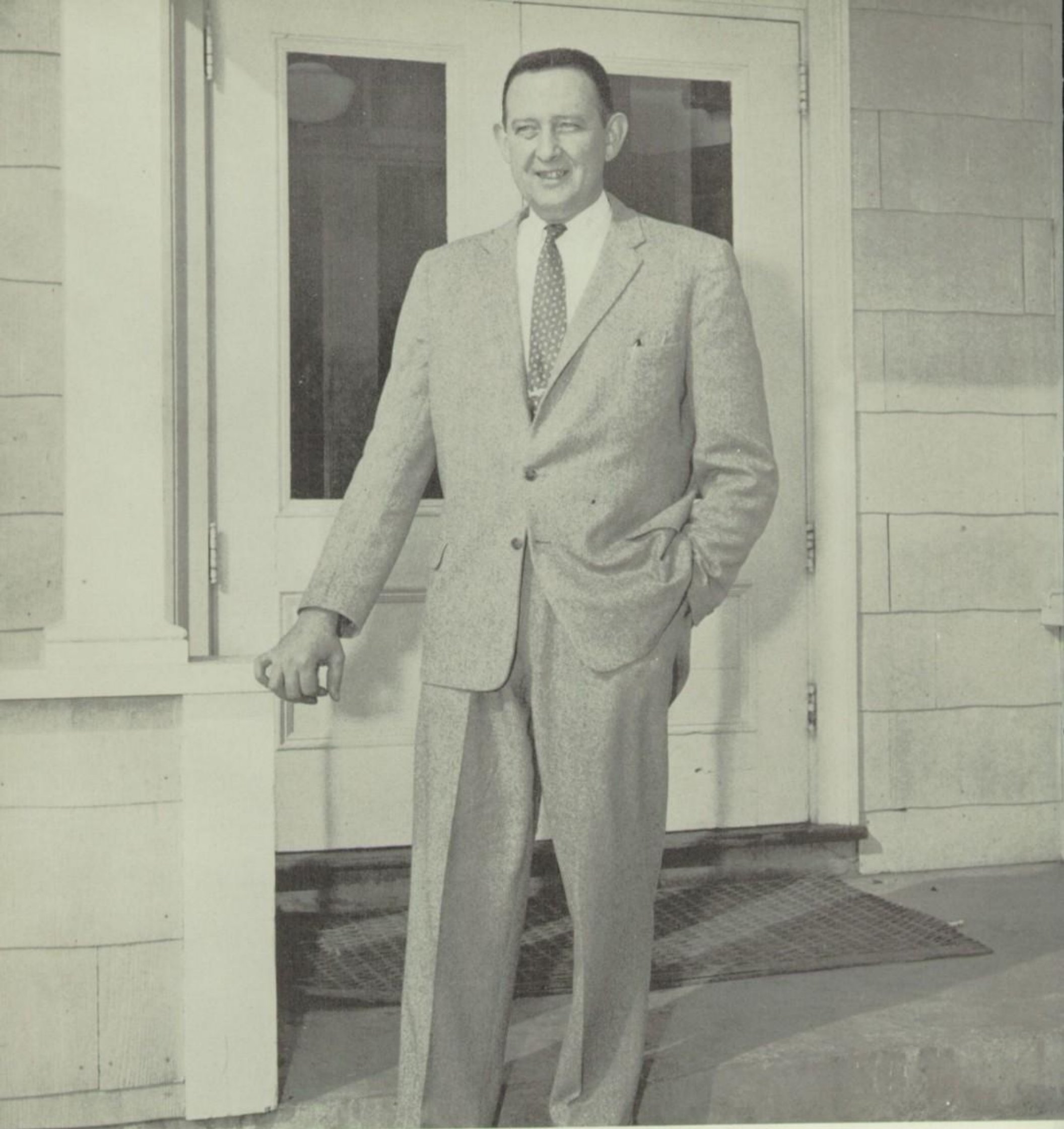
DEDICATION



Four years ago we, the class of 1957, entering the halls of Erskine Academy for the first time met an understanding and sympathetic person who was predestined to have a great influence on our future. Each year, as we advanced from class to class, we became more closely associated with her working as a team both in our business subjects and in senior activities. As an educator, she untiringly encouraged us to strive for success; as a fellow worker, she has helped us to reach our goals; and as a friend, she has entered our hearts.

Our appreciation for her endless contributions cannot be expressed by words alone; we are, therefore, dedicating our yearbook to you, Mrs. Ward Miller, as a token of our love and respect.

THE CLASS OF 1957



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Class of 1957:

This is the time of year when the phrases "citizens of tomorrow," "guardians of democracy," "hope of the future," and many others of similar nature are being directed at high school seniors across the nation, and some cynical people may doubt the truth of the words, or the sincerity of the people saying them. Yet at this time, thousands upon thousands of young people are finishing schools of one kind or another to begin to accept civic, political, family, and social responsibilities.

So do not doubt the phrases, no matter how often heard; accept them for what they are, the truth, and resolve that you will do your best to accept your responsibilities. I close in the hope that we have in some way helped to prepare you for these responsibilities.

Richard Hopkins



Mr. Freeman, our music director, is preparing the band for a concert.

Is this the day, Mrs. Maher, for the dreaded exam?



OUR FACULTY



Mr. Howard, you wouldn't let Mrs. Howard disconnect the television, would you?



That looks like a happy industrious team, Mr. Hammond.



Mr. Brigham, we hope that after all of your lectures in biology, you will have a healthy class.

Our home economics teacher, Mrs. Gray, instructs her girls on the art of making coffee.





Mrs. Braley, our efficient secretary, handles all our bills and accounts.

Mr. Braley dresses appropriately to conduct his agriculture class in the shop.



Mrs. Austin, a little more rouge is needed on his left cheek.



Could you tell us what is cooking, Mrs. Nowland and Mrs. Pinnette?



All ready to drive us home, Ken?

Mrs. Miller, our busy commercial teacher, begins work on another project.





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CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

CLASS FLOWER

Yellow Rose

MOTTO

To the stars through difficulty.



Valedictorian
FRANCES WARD

Salutatorian
GEORGE LEWIS

First Essay
JULIA STARKEY

Second Essay
ROBERT BOYNTON

*Address To
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CAROL
ARCHAMBAULT

Class History
HOWARD
CUNNINGHAM

Class Will
SHIRLEY JONES

Class Prophecy
JANET LOSITO

Class Gifts
ARLENE DODGE

Class Gifts
JOYCE YOUNG

STAIRWAY TO SUCCESS



CAROL ANN ARCHAMBAULT

Commercial

St. Mary's High School 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 3, 4; Cheering 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Dirigo Girls' State; Senior Play; China Egg Reporter 4; Athletic Club 3, 4.

CAROLYN INEZ AUSTIN

Commercial

Bingham High School 1; Glee Club 2, 3; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Social Science Award 3; Home Ec. Club 2; Music Festival 2, 3; Washington Trip Club 4.

MADELINE AUDREY BAILEY

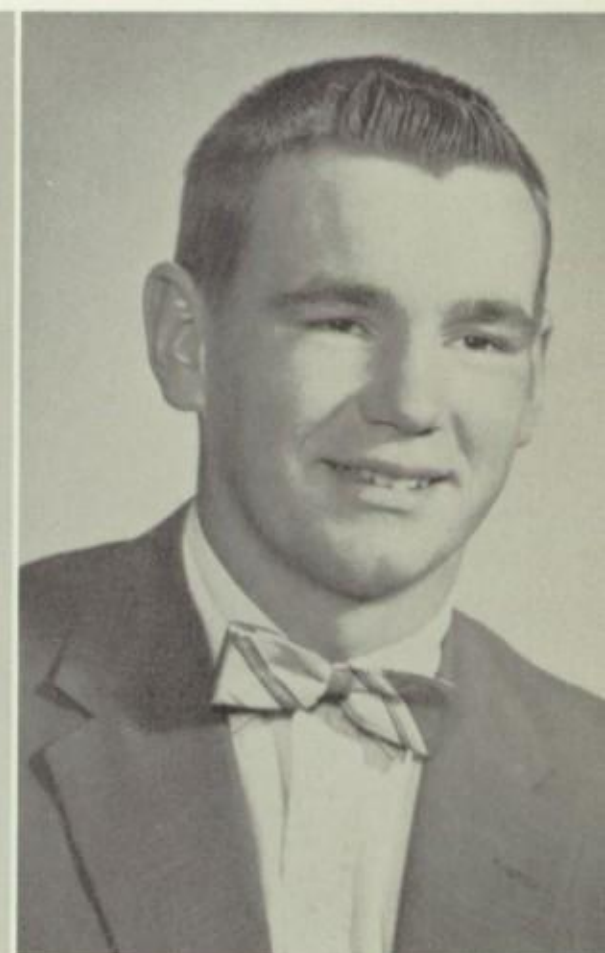
Commercial

Home Economics Club 2; Washington Trip Club 4.

ROBERT LEWIS BOYNTON

College

Basketball 1, Captain 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Choir 3; Orchestra 3; Minstrel 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Class Officer 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Washington Trip 3; Pinnacle Staff 4.



AUSTIN JAMES BRANN

Agriculture

Waldoboro High School 1, 2; Glee Club 3, 4; Choir 3; Minstrel Show 3, 4; FFA 3, 4; Music Festival 3, 4; FFA Officer 4.

HUBERT WALDON CARTER, JR.

Agriculture

Future Farmers of America 1, 2; Future Farmers of Maine 3, 4.

LORRAINE EVELYN CHOATE

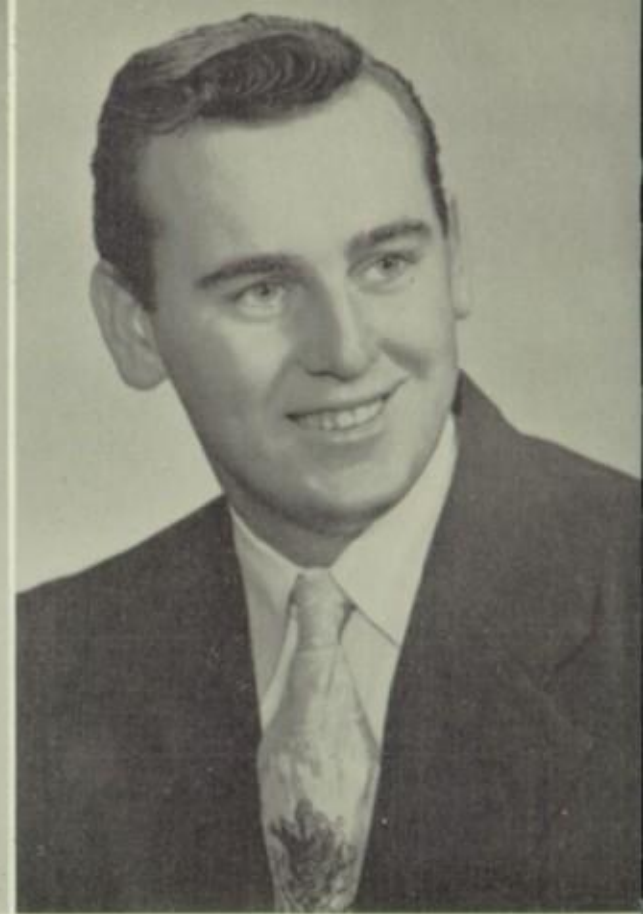
College

Christmas Play 4.

SHERMAN EDWARD CLARY

General

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Senior Play 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; FFM 3; Glee Club 3; Tumbling 3; Music Festival 2, 3.



ALBERT STEPHEN CSENGERY

Agriculture

Future Farmers of America 1, 2, 3, 4.

HOWARD MERLE CUNNINGHAM

Commercial

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Speech Play 3; NHS 3, 4; Class Marshal 3; All-State 4; Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest 3.

ARLENE GENEVA DODGE

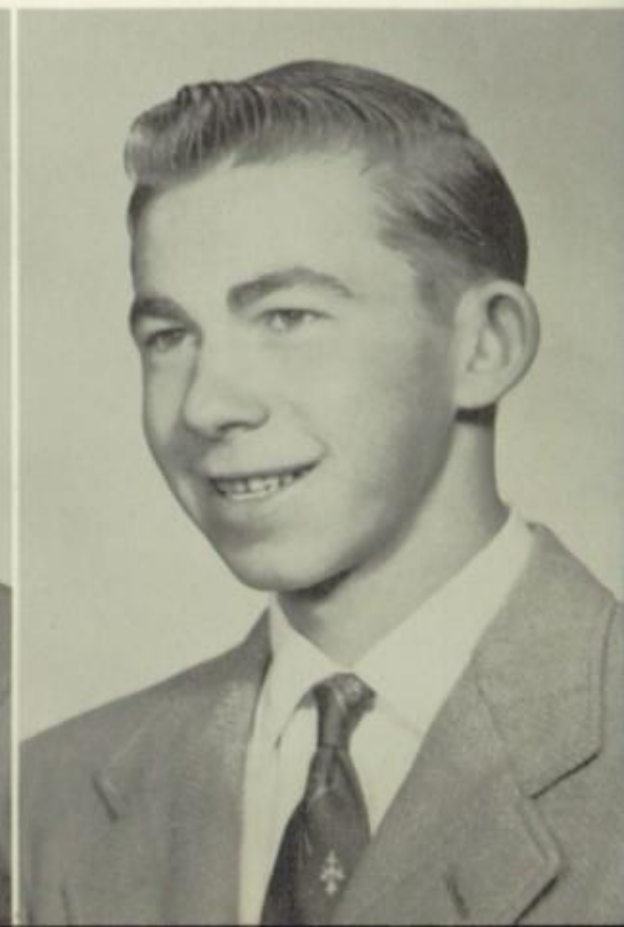
Commercial

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Senior Play 4; Pinnacle Staff 4.

RALPH ERNEST DOE

General

Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Athletic Club 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; FFM 3.





MARILYN FRANCES DOWE

Commercial

Glee Club 1, 2; Pinnacle Staff 4.

JAMES HARRY ESANCY

Agriculture

Basketball Manager 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT ARVIDE FLETCHER

General

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Minstrel Show 1, 2; Glee Club 2; Pinnacle Staff 4.

CEDRIC BARTON GILBERT

Agriculture

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4.



PATSY JEAN GROTTON

Commercial

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3.

EVERETT FRANKLIN HIGGINS

College

Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 4; Senior Play 4; Speech Play 3, 4; Christmas Play 4; Pinnacle Staff 4.

DORIS PAULINE HUMPHREY

Commercial

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Athletic Club 3, 4; Class Officer 2, 3; Pinnacle Staff 4; Softball 2; Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4.

CLAUDIA LOUISE HUTCHINS

General

Morse High, Bath, 1, 2; Williams High, Oakland, 3; Home Economics Club 4.



SHIRLEY JANE JONES

College

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Minstrel 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Speech Play 4; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 4; Pinnacle Staff 3, 4; Tumbling 2, 3.

GEORGE ANDREW LEWIS

Agriculture

Future Farmers of America 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4.

JANET MARIE LOSITO

College

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Pinnacle Staff 4; Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4.

LUCILLE PATRICIA NORTON

General

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Play 4; Senior Play 4.





PETER PERRY

College

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Play 3; Choir 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 3, 4.

BRENDA ANN PINETTE

General

South Portland High 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Speech Play 3; Christmas Play 3; Pinnacle Staff 3, 4; Choir 3, 4.

SHIRLEY LOUISE PORTER

General

Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 4; Band 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Speech Play 3; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest 3; Washington Trip 3; Pinnacle Staff 4.

MARTHA LEE REED

Commercial

Band 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Athletic Club 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Washington Trip Club 4.



VOYLE SHELDON REED

General

Future Farmers of America 1, 2, 3, 4.

JEANETTE MARIE RUSSELL

Commercial

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3; Music Festival 1, 2, 3; Washington Trip Club 4.

JULIA ANN STARKEY

Commercial

Class Officer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Majorette 1, 2; Band 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3; Athletic Club 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 4; Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; China Egg Reporter 4; Washington Trip Club 4.

JEAN TEMPLETON

General

Glee Club 1; Home Ec. Club 1.



WANETA ALICE TURNER

General

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 1.

FRANCES ELLEN WARD

College

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Senior Play 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 4; NHS 3, 4; Pinnacle Staff 2, 3, 4; English Award 1, 2, 3; Scholarship Award 1, 2, 3; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Play 4.

LAWRENCE BERT WILES

College

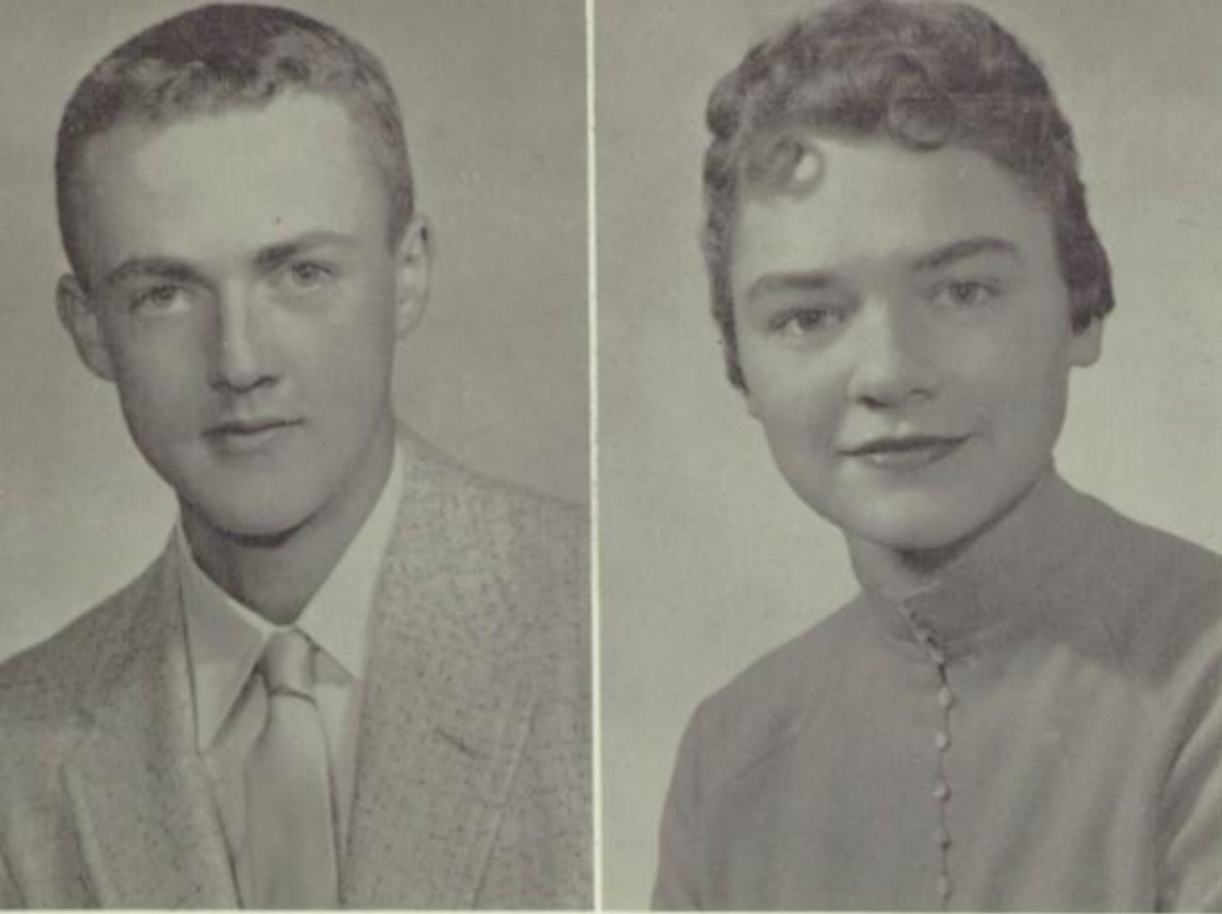
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CHARLES LEONARD WINKLEY

College

Basketball, JV 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.





PHILIP WATKINS WOODWORTH
Agriculture
 Minstrel Show 2; Glee Club 2; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOYCE ELLA YOUNG
Commercial

Cony High School 1; Band 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Class Officer 2; Athletic Club 2, 3, 4; Speech Play 3; Senior Play 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Head cheerleader 4; Pinnacle Staff 4; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Music Festival 2, 3; Speaking Contest 3.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

Mrs. Miller wasn't a lady?
 Carol Archambault couldn't have her own way?
 Carolyn Austin didn't have the boys to sing "Carolina" to her?
 Madeline Bailey could stop talking?
 Robert Boynton had his homework done on time?
 Austin Brann couldn't wiggle?
 Hubert Carter couldn't sleep in study hall?
 Lorraine Choate wasn't bashful?
 Sherman Clary used printable language?
 Albert Csengery couldn't take dancing lessons?
 Howard Cunningham could stop arguing with Mrs. Austin?
 Arlene Dodge didn't have her homework done?
 Ralph Doe ever had his English done?
 Marilyn Dowe didn't have the diner to work in?
 James Esancy couldn't see Yvonne?
 Robert Fletcher couldn't go in the typing room third period?
 Cedric Gilbert didn't drive the Windsor bus?
 Patsy Grotton didn't have air mail letters?
 Everett Higgins wasn't always arguing with Carol?
 Doris Humphrey couldn't keep score at the basketball games?
 Claudia Hutchins didn't have long hair?
 Shirley Jones couldn't take her front teeth out?
 George Lewis couldn't help Cedric on the bus?
 Janet Losito didn't have so many aches and pains?
 Pat Norton didn't have "Elvis"?
 Peter Perry didn't lead the "Ivy Leaguers"?
 Brenda Pinette couldn't sing?
 Shirley Porter didn't go with Bobby?
 Martha Reed couldn't go to Albion?
 Sheldon Reed wasn't late for school?
 Jeanette Russell didn't have Carolyn?
 Julia Starkey didn't have red hair?
 Jean Templeton didn't get letters from Connecticut?
 Waneta Turner didn't take home economics?
 Frances Ward didn't get all A's?
 Larry Wiles didn't stay at Sharpe's?
 Charles Winkley had a brand new car?
 Philip Woodworth wasn't high salesman for the magazine campaign?
 Joyce Young wasn't head cheerleader?

WHAT'S LIFE?

What's life? What's it really made up of? Why do we have to eat, sleep, laugh, cry, work and play? Why is it that every man and woman during sometime in his life finds love and its meaning? Life, no matter what form it may be, follows a certain pattern that only a great number of years and workings of nature's elements can change. For instance, we know for a fact that at one time, giant monsters roamed this earth. Probably most people think of this as the dinosaur age. Yes, it's true, but hard to believe, that once your own back yard may have been the home of one of these monsters.

This is just one example of the many millions of great changes that have taken place upon this great earth of ours. Some of these changes of time and element cannot yet be explained as to its way of happenings, but still they're facts. And we are told these facts by our parents at an early age, only to be told the same thing by our teachers in school, and so on, till we, too, pass it on to the next generation. But how many of us stop and puzzle over the how, when, and where? Probably most of us, at one time or another, and what happens? We become more and more puzzled. We wonder, and we think; then we start to imagine.

What am I here for? What makes me move? What will death be like? These are perhaps three of the most common self-asked question. Yes, these are the questions a person asks himself. Yet here are three questions that most people are afraid to ask even themselves. Have I lived a good life so far? Would I really give up everything for my loved ones, even my life? Am I respected by everyone for my work thus far in life? Probably there is no one on this earth that could answer all these questions and be absolutely correct because of various conditions and because of not yet having had these experiences. All we can do is believe in God, and live a clean, moral, social, and religious life. And when we come to this point, we once again ask ourselves, what is life, and what's it made up of? Well, everyone has his own opinion and this is mine.

Life is what we make it. It's a greater gift than we can understand at this point. What's it made up of? It's made up of thousands of living animals and plants. In life, there is a balance of nature for all God's creatures; namely, birth and death. For us, life is made up of love, hate, greed, and sorrow. How we are brought up determines the amount of each to grow with us. I firmly believe that God placed humans on this earth to live together, to be happy, and to prepare for a better life. He has given us all we need to do this with. Now how are we to use his means? I believe that this is just a trial life, or temporal life, to prove our worth for an eternal life with Him. I believe we should find a partner in life to be everlastingly happy with, and to plan our life with. Love is a wonderful thing if each will accept that person for what he or she is regardless of his or her faults.

Do you ever come to know what life really is? Will it always be to us a puzzle, an unsolved mystery? It makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Cedric Gilbert '57

In Memory of
DR. GEORGE G. AVERILL





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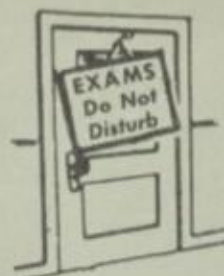


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Madeline Sherwood
George Springer
Joseph Suga



Susan Tibbetts
Elaine Turner
Marilyn Turner



Kenneth Vaillancourt
Judith Ward
Clarence Watson

Judith Wilson
Serena Wilson
Henry Winkley
Rowena Young



JUNIOR AMBITIONS

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 Dianne Bumps
 Glenna Bumps
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 Linda Clary
 Mary Colby
 Roberta Crane
 Carol Csengery
 Robert Dowe
 David Dyer
 Martin Finley
 Roland Gay
 Judith Gordon
 Janice Hallowell
 Margaret Haskell
 Sophia Higgins
 Mary Hurd
 Mary Hutchins
 Joanne Keller
 William Lajousky
 Violet Mackbach
 Sue Maher
 John Mahoney
 Joan McGrath
 Norris McLean
 Priscilla Merrill
 Norma Northrup
 Sandra Pelton
 Richard Pooler
 Irene Reed
 Patricia Reed
 Joseph Rines
 Gloria Russell
 Madeline Sherwood
 George Springer
 Joseph Suga
 Susan Tibbetts
 Elaine Turner
 Marilyn Turner
 Judith Ward
 Clarence Watson
 Judith Wilson
 Serena Wilson
 Henry Winkley
 Rowena Young
 Kenneth Vaillancourt

Chemistry teacher
Fashion designer
Model—shoestrings
Prison warden
Society page editor of K J
Housewife
To write a new dictionary
To join the N. Y. Philharmonic
To be on the first rocket to the moon
To be another Rudolph Valentino
Magician
Historian
To be an old maid
First lady president
Advice to Lovelorn Editor
To play Jane Eyre in the movies
Rain-maker
Manicurist
To be a fat lady in a circus
Boxer
To own a flower shop
To be Perry Como's agent
Motorcycle cop
Beautician
To graduate from West Point
Veterinarian
To be Miss America of 1960
English teacher
To work in the U. S. Mint
Justice of the Peace
Penny-polisher
Janitor (at Big Top circus)
Army cook
Nurse
To drive a bakery truck
Doctor—of sick bumblebees
Comedian
Boy scout leader
Movie star (Ma Kettle the second)
To be first lady of Harlem Globe Trotters
Pie taster
Broadway dancer
Lady lion tamer
Model "T" Ford manufacturer
Child actress
Hunter of big game (Tiddly Winks)

This year, we, the class of '58, have continued to publish a school paper, *The Erskine Eagle*. We have also had several dances to raise money for various reasons; mainly, for our trip to Washington. This year, twelve juniors plan to make that long awaited trip—and several more plan to go next year, the year for which we have many exciting plans. Plans? Yes! Although only one year of school remains for us, we have greater plans for the future than we have ever had in the past.





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Carlotta John



Laura Jones
Leland Jones
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Albert, Mary
Anderson, Marlene
Andrews, Douglas
Archambault, Janet
Ashby, Jennie
Austin, Leroy
Austin, Virginia
Beaulieu, Ray
Biddle, Joyce
Bowness, Gail
Boynton, Pauline
Brann, Patricia
Chaney, Dennis
Clary, Sharon
Conrad, Jewel
Crane, Nanette
Crocker, Judy
Crommett, John
Cunningham, Brenda
Dale, Sherwood
Day, Perley
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Hersom, Carolyn
Irish, Leon
John, Carlotta
Jones, Leland
Jones, Laura
Kirkpatrick, John
Lint, Jane
Maines, Garry
McCaslin, David
McGrath, Robert
Merrill, Norma
Mitton, Jane
Nelson, Ann
Philbrook, Edith
Pilsbury, Peter
Pottle, Joanne
Prescott, Priscilla
Purinton, Peter
Raven, Dennis
Russell, Betty
Sanborn, Barbara
Seely, Deloris
Shorette, Jean
Skillin, Roberta
Templeton, Mary

"Wabbitt"
"Andy"
"Flip-Flop"
"Archie"
"Daddy O"
"Cutie"
"Austin"
"Tax"
"Joy"
"Bow-Wow"
"Polly"
"Kid"
"Starie-eyed"
"Petunia"
"Judy"
"Nanie"
"Gertie"
"Jackie"
"Cat"
"Woodie"
"Bozo"
"Jud"
"Chicken"
"Guy"
"Aaron"
"Hersey"
"Rosie"
"Johnny"
"Davie"
"Dolly"
"Crazy-legs"
"Fuzzy"
"Mary Gaines"
"Mr. Wonderful"
"Bob"
"Sunshine"
"Adeline"
"Honey"
"Edie"
"Muscles"
"Shorty"
"Sippy"
"Preston"
"Twinkles"
"Rusty"
"Barby"
"See-saw"
"Par-boil"
"Jeannie"
"Aggie"

Knitting
Wearing dungarees
Guns
Pitching horseshoes
Playing tiddlywinks
Hot trumpet
Teachers
Grand Opera
Dreaming
Being absent
Tobogganing
Collecting demerits
Stuffed animal collection
Eating cucumber cake with cheese icing
Singing
Writing themes
Secrets
Skiing
Dancing
Poetry
Jitterbugging
Basketball
Collecting stamps
Writing dictionary pages
Biology
Elvis
La minuet
Sewing
Wimmin
Cony boys
Smoking cigars
Character dolls
French class
Ice Follies
Leaving the room
Horses
Skating
Danseuse de ballet
Collecting salt and pepper shakers
Lugging sophomore books
Cooking
Medicine
Dating
Any Bumps
Swimming
Writing notes
Wishing
Saving seats for basketball players
Sliding
Whispering



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David Doe
Robert Dufour
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 Florence Farris
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 Malcolm Jones
 Meredith Jones
 Nancy Judkins

Greg Lasselle
 Jane McCaslin
 James McGrath
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 Rose Ring





Richard Springer
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Thomas Taylor
Margaret Vaillancourt
Esther Wellman



Marion Wellman
Muriel Whitaker
John Wilcox
Dean Willoughby
Clifford Wilson



Patsy Wilson
Carlene Winn
Douglas Wright

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Judy Albee without a smile
Linda Archambault without Dan "Cupid"
Jeannette Ashby taking a back seat
Ruth Austin being practical
Beverly Bailey screeching for help
Judith Barnette without her homework
Warren Bernhardt singing love songs
Emily Biddle on stilts
Judith Boynton with ringlets
Hugh Bradley missing Saturday dances
Donna Brann with her hair mussed up
Esther Bumps bold and furious
Dwane Bumps proposing on his knees
Maurice Cain chewing bubble gum
Arthur Carter singing the blues
Billie Choate raising Cain
Carol Choate in the back of the bus
Charles Clarke catching an express
Fay Clifford waltzing with Mr. Hopkins
Randy Clowes in a Quaker meeting
Jeannette Collins calm and quiet
Cynthia Cooper doing the bop
Lillian Crocker without her sweets
Pauline Cunningham without an answer
Shirley Csengery forgetting her themes
Natalie Crummett away from Florence
Beverly Dale neglecting her English
David Doe escorting Mrs. Gray to a hop
Robert Dufour without his girls

David Dulac not being adventurous
Genevieve Dyer without her gum or fun
Florence Elliott forgetting her grades
Florence Farris at a girls' school
Nancy Finley not friendly and kind
Norman Fitzgerald forgetting his lessons
Daniel Gilbert disliking girls
Mary Glidden shouting for help
Sandra Goff being a nuisance
Carl Heath imitating the Sphinx
Keith Hodson not appreciating friends
Gayle Humphrey without a smile
Susan Johnson being discourteous
Malcolm Jones missing a basket or Doug
Meredith Jones missing the point
Nancy Judkins being afraid or no fun
Greg Lasselle without rhythm
Jane McCaslin going unnoticed
James McGrath without a wrong answer
Ronald Merrill asking no questions
Douglas Nelson without girls, or smiles
Pearl Nickerson being adventurous
Kenneth Parlin writing love notes
Karen Pearson with F's on her rank card
Vivian Peaslee doing extra work in English
Joyce Pelton disturbing the peace
Jeanne Pendleton dull and grim
Roger Pierce without good courage
Norman Pottle less than five girls

Jack Rines with a crew-cut
Rose Ring playing Ring around a Rosy
Richard Springer with his math done
John Starkey with a black toupee
Thomas Taylor tall and timid
Margaret Vaillancourt ignoring friends
Esther Wellman six feet tall
Marion Wellman without a letter from Mass.

Muriel Whitaker not on the ball
John Wilcox beating the clock
Dean Willoughby with time on his hands
Carlene Winn with a letter from Mickey
Clifford Wilson down in the dumps
Patsy Wilson dreaming about grades
Douglas Wright not tending to business

THE FRESHMAN CLASS

We are a lively lot and being the largest class in Erskine's history, we intend to make a good showing for all four years.

Several superior musicians have been discovered in our midst. A few clever artists have shown good work on posters, maps, and book-report covers. Our enthusiastic freshman dancers have performed brilliantly both upon the stage and during our enjoyable dancing classes.

We have an enviable reputation on both the boys' and the girls' basketball teams with much hope for many future star athletes.

Several salesmen were invited to attend the Ice Follies at Bangor because of the large number of magazines each student had sold. We are especially proud, too, of our progress in becoming members of important committees. The entire list of property managers for our annual Minstrel Show was chosen from our class, headed by the class president, a chairman.

As for grade-go-getters, our percent of honor students increases with each ranking period. We do hope to have an excellent showing of A's and B's before the year closes.

Our proudest possession as a new class at Erskine Academy is friendliness. We bowed, down, way down, to our superiors, the Sophomore Class, in the late fall. We had more friendly spirit than we had speed in getting back to normal, after having been instructed to dress backwards and to exchange boy and girl costumes. We talked backwards and thought likewise for awhile, but we finally emerged better Freshmen with a determination to become as imaginative with next year's class as the sophomores were with the class of 1960.



THIS IS YOUR LIFE

On May twenty-eighth nearly seventeen years ago, a daughter was born to Melvin and Florence Higgins. Today we regard that daughter, which is you, Sophia Ethel, as an outstanding member of our class—the class of '58. Yes, as one of the highest ranking students in our school and Assistant Editor of the *Pinnacle*, you have made a place for yourself here at Erskine.

Do you remember your first day in school at Erskine? You were as lost as the rest of us hunting study halls and math classes. Do you remember how you looked as much like a real country bumpkin as anyone on Freshman Reception Day? Walking pigeon-toed around the room, you were really a queer looking girl with your workshoes and short, faded dress. How hard we laughed—laughed not at you, but with you.

Yes, we have always laughed with you, but there was no laughing the day you, one and one half years old, rushed in from play crying, "Mamma, Keith cut my finger off!" How frightened you were, and how frightened your mother was! You have, however, learned to make the best of your lost finger, and even joke about it.

Sophia, where did you learn that optimism and quick humor? Was it from your father, as he read the family Bible to you, your sister Helen and brother Keith? Perhaps as you played in the warm sunshine, listened to the joyful birds and felt the cool rain on your bare toes, you learned directly from God that He will always take care of us and that we should love one another, even as He has loved us. Yes, you could easily have learned by listening to nature during those happy days of childhood.

Those were happy days, weren't they—the days spent feeding chickens and picking corn? Can you remember the pig you used to ride and how you always watched wide-eyed as he gobbled up his dinner? Do you remember the goats that ate the lime? How you objected when your father said they must be killed, because lime makes animals so sick!

Yes, Sophia, as we look back we are sure that you have enjoyed both the years of early childhood and the years spent at Erskine, learning shorthand and history. Now, as we look into the future we see you as a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the *Pinnacle*, and the holder of an honor part at graduation; and we all wish you success and happiness in this, your life.

WINTER

You may like to be out
In the cold crisp air,
With skates of steel
On ice that is glare;

Or to ski down a slope
In a daring wild race
With the fresh falling snow
Biting into your face;

Or to romp in the snow
That is waist-high deep
While you shiver with cold,
From your head to your feet,

Or on snowshoes to climb
On drifts piled high
While icy blasts blow
From the winter's cold sky.

But give me the summer,
The smell of the land,
A small trout brook
And a rod in my hand.

Mary Hurd '58



Judith Dowe '59



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JUST FOR THE RECORD

"Take it easy, Sister! Going to a fire or sumthin'?"

"Haven't you heard? There's a sleepwalker on the roof of the dormitory at Erskine Academy. I'm a reporter and this is my first real assignment. Oh! Please hurry!"

The young reporter was indeed in a hurry. Anything could happen before she got there. What if the girl had fallen off the roof?

The reporter gave a sigh of relief as the taxi skidded into the driveway. But alas! It was all over! There was no one on the roof now, and everything seemed calm and serene.

"I'm a reporter; what happened?" she asked as she approached two men who were standing by the door.

"Golly, it was the queerest thing I ever saw," replied the tall man with the green plaid pants. "She climbed right up there and got her!"

"Who?"

"The girl on the roof!"

"No! No! I mean who climbed up on the roof after her?"

"Why, Marilyn Turner, her roommate!"

"Where is she now?"

"Oh, inside somewhere."

The reporter hurried into the dormitory.

"Miss Turner, I just heard how your heroically saved your roommate's life. Since I didn't get here in time to get much information on the rescue, I'd like to write an article about you."

"About me, why, it wasn't anything, really!"

"Where were you born and when, Miss Turner?"

"In Washington, Maine, March twenty-first, 1940."

"And what are your parents' names?"

"Harold and Myra. I also have three brothers and three sisters."

"How interesting! Where did you go to school before you came here?"

"Razorville."

"Wh-a-a-t!!" the young reporter gasped.

Noting the queer look on her face, Marilyn went on to explain that Razorville was a section of Washington. During the next twenty minutes, Marilyn recounted every bit of her life from the day she got her foot caught in the spokes of a bicycle (and the licking she got) to the day she got her first pet dog named "Teddy." The reporter heard all about Marilyn's having mumps and her future plans for going to business school.

The following morning, Marilyn anxiously awaited the arrival of the newspaper. Scanning page after page, she eagerly looked for the account of the preceding night's heroic rescue. The vision of endless columns of type came to an end, as, in the right-hand column at the bottom of the last page, she read these words:

"Mrs. Minnie Turner is resting comfortably after an attempt to save her Great-Grandmother last night from the Erskine Dormitory roof."

The moral of this story is: Don't walk in your sleep and don't expect too much from a newspaper reporter's story.

Judith Ward '58



ERSKINE SCHOOL

Come gather 'round
And hear what I say,
'Bout Erskine School,
Down China way.

We have a good team,
A fine band too.
We play to win,
And sometimes we do.

Some of us study
While others play,
Most of us pass,
That's all I can say.

Garry Maines '59



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THE OCEAN IN A STORM

"The Ocean In A Storm," the stillest, meekest utterance of similar thoughts shall instantly flash a vivid picture of unleashed fury and unconquerable rage across the tremendous scope of your imagination. You shall be able to visualize leaping dragons of crystalized marble crashing blindly into an ebonized eternity. A sense of flaming terror suspended by hideous awe will enshroud you, as you watch the torment of an insatiable lust for power explode amidst the petting torrents of celestial waters. By the blinding, untinted incandescence of the silverwhite flames, you will gaze as the horrible panorama lunges vertically at an angular grave, shatters, recoils and shrinks back to the fiery lair of the boiling sea. The rage of the elements as they ensnare their energies to the inevitable destruction will come to a dull and depressive lull. The ocean shall entreat a monotonous effect as it slinks into the calm of its unimpressed depths. The mists shall part to reveal a hazy, cold moon waning in the earliest of the new day's hours. The wildness is gone; the picture has faded from the magic mirror of your imagination to the innermost recesses of your mind; recalled only when once again you chance to think of the ocean during a storm.

Sue Maher '58



THE TEACHERS AT ERSKINE

The teachers at Erskine
I'm sure you will find,
Are all very nice
And, of course, very kind.

There are certain rules
That we have to obey,
And if we don't,
The teachers will say,

"Now children, you know
There are rules to obey,
And if you don't,
After school you will stay."

Mr. Hammond in math class,
Makes you stay after school,
If you don't know your formulas
Or don't learn the rules.

Then to biology class
Our books we will carry,
And listen to Mr. Brigham,
Or a page in the dictionary.

Then to Mrs. Austin's room
Where you learn words and sounds,
Verbs and gerunds,
Adjectives and nouns.

Now over to Mrs. Maher's room
With a hop, skip, and jump,
Where we learn to say right
The words thump, lump, and bump.

And then up the hall
Away we will go,
To see Mrs. Gray
And learn how to sew.

Up in room six
Is Mrs. Miller all day,
Watching her students
Typing away.

At the end of the hall
Is Mr. Braley,
Teaching agriculture,
And U. S. History daily.

Mr. Hopkins in the office
Gives us our rules,
Because you all know
He's principal of our school.

The teachers you know
Have their duties to do,
So be good to them
And they'll be good to you.

Brenda Cunningham '59







Anybody for a lecture?



Who's winning, boys?



Cheerfully cleaning up!



What's the latest, girls?



A social evening.

THE DORM

Because so many of the students who attend Erskine live so far from school, many have chosen to stay in the dormitory. There are students from Freedom, Alna, Gardiner, Whitefield, and even one from Connecticut. At present there are thirty girls, seven boys, a teacher, Mrs. Howard, who is matron, and Mr. Howard, who is maintenance man. Besides serving as a more than adequate home for the students during the week, the dormitory kitchen is used as a Lab for the Home Economics classes.

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The Happy Homemakers have had a very successful year. Under the guidance of their advisor, Mrs. Gray, they have accomplished many activities. This year for the first time, the Homemakers are sponsoring a Basketball Banquet for all the basketball players and cheerleaders. Other projects have been Food Sales, Sponsored P. T. A. Supper, and Scotch Fair.

OFFICERS

President Edith Philbrook
Vice President Jewel Conrad
Secretary Madeline Sherwood
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THE HAPPY HOMEMAKERS



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One of the national organizations to which Erskine has a membership is the Maine State division of the Future Farmers of America. Under the direction of Mr. Braley, the faculty advisor, this club has added much to their treasury by providing the school with such entertainment as the Curly O'Brien Cowboy Show and a number of dances. With this money "year pins" have been purchased which were awarded at the initiation early in November.

OFFICERS

President Joseph Suga
Vice President David Dyer
Secretary Cedric Gilbert
Treasurer Preston Purington
Reporter Sheldon Reed
Chaplain Norris McLean
Sentinel Austin Brann
Advisor Mr. Richard Braley

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF MAINE



First row: F. Ward, M. Merrill, M. Tibbetts, S. Jones, J. Starkey. Second row: C. Archambault, H. Cunningham, E. Stevens, H. Bradstreet, G. Lewis, B. Boynton.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



This year as in past years, members of the Junior and Senior Classes having a ninety percent average, and in the opinion of the faculty having the qualities of Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service are elected to the National Honor Society. Our Chapter was formed in 1921; and since that time, the members have been initiated each year in the traditional candlelight service. This year, however, for the first time, the preliminary tapping ceremony was performed at assembly. The members accorded this honor in the Class of 1956 were: Harvey Bradstreet, Muriel Merrill, Everard Stevens, and Marcia Tibbetts; in the Class of 1957, Carol Archambault, Robert Boynton, Howard Cunningham, Shirley Jones, George Lewis, Julia Starkey, and Frances Ward.



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ERSKINE ACADEMY BAND

The Erskine Academy band this year consists of 52 members. Under the direction of Samuel Freeman, they have given three concerts, throughout the school year. On Memorial Day the band was in a parade which was sponsored by the American Legion in Albion, China, and South China. They also attended the Eastern Maine Music Festival.

In the fall of 1956, the Music Boosters Association purchased 110 uniforms from Bakersfield, California. They are in excellent condition and improve the appearance of the band immensely. The band members appreciate the interest of the Music Boosters in their organization and wish to thank them for their effort in securing uniforms.



MAJORETTES

This year we have five majorettes under the direction of Shirley Porter and Linda Clary. They have been active in school activities and will attend the Eastern Music Festival in the Spring.

Majorettes left to right: Nan Crane, Shirley Porter, Mary Albert, Linda Clary, and Pauline Boynton.



SENIOR GLEE CLUB

The Senior Glee Club this year consists of approximately 55 members. Under the direction of Mr. Freeman they planned the annual Chic-a-la-ca Fair. They also attended the Eastern Maine Music Festival. Much of the success of the Glee Club is due to the combined accompanists, Sue Maher and Mary Hurd.

First row: V. Mackbach, S. Tibbetts, J. Losito, S. Jones, J. Archambault, S. Maher, Mr. Freeman, M. Hurd, J. Esancy, J. Shorette, L. Clary, R. Young, A. Dodge. Second row: E. Philbrook, J. Wilson, B. Pinette, D. Humphrey, G. Bowness, M. Turner, J. Mitton, P. Brann, J. Conrad, J. Biddle, R. Skillen, L. Jones, M. Haskell, F. Ward, S. Higgins. Third row: B. Cunningham, P. Grotton, G. Gay, S. Pelton, C. John, M. Albert, P. Boynton, N. Crane, D. Bumps, L. Austin, R. Pooler, H. Cunningham, L. Gould, J. Keller, G. Bumps, D. Bumps. Fourth row: B. Russell, S. Clary, P. Norton, C. Archambault, N. Northrup, M. Colby.

FRESHMAN GLEE CLUB

The Freshman Glee Club is mainly an organization that prepares the members for the Senior Glee Club. But they do combine with the Senior Glee Club for the Chic-a-la-ca Fair and next year they will become a permanent part of the Senior Glee Club.



First row: J. Collins, S. Goff, F. Clifford, E. Biddle, R. Ring, J. Pendleton, Mr. Freeman, L. Crocker, P. Cunningham, E. Bumps, M. Whitaker, E. Wellman. Second row: D. Doe, F. Farris, C. Winn, D. Brann, C. Cooper, P. Wilson, S. Johnson, M. Glidden, M. Vailancourt, S. Csengery, J. McCaslin, R. Austin, M. Wellman, J. Ashby. Third row: J. Dyer, L. Archambault, K. Pearson, J. Pelton, F. Elliott, B. Dale, B. Bailey, N. Judkins, S. Barnette, R. Clowes, G. Laselle, D. Bumps, D. Dulac, M. Jones, N. Finley, B. Choate. Fourth row: N. Crommett, J. Albee, P. Nickerson, V. Peaslee, C. Choate, D. Gilbert, N. Fitzgerald, R. Dufour, C. Clark, C. Wilson, D. Wright, C. Heath, J. Boynton, G. Humphrey.

The Choir consists of 28 members. They have performed in all the concerts with the band and they also attended the Eastern Maine Music Festival. They are very active in school activities, and on occasion they have accepted outside engagements. They have become very well known for their ability. All of their thanks go to Mr. Freeman, for without him this would not have been possible.



CHOIR

First row, left to right: J. Conrad, P. Brann, E. Philbrook, J. Archambault, S. Maher, Director, Mr. Freeman, M. Hurd, B. Pinette, D. Humphrey, R. Young. Second row: V. Mackbach, S. Tibbetts, S. Clary, N. Crane, S. Jones, D. Jones, R. Pooler, H. Cunningham, L. Gould, D. Bumps, L. Jones. Third row: P. Norton, M. Albert, L. Clary, J. Kirkpatrick, G. Maines, P. Perry, L. Wiles, P. Prescott, J. Losito, G. Bumps.



Left to right: M. Hurd, S. Maher, P. Perry, D. Jones, J. Esancy, R. Crane, J. Losito, Director, Mr. Freeman, L. Wiles, V. Mackbach, D. Humphrey, J. Starkey, R. Young, S. Jones, D. Bumps, L. Austin.



ORCHESTRA

The orchestra this year consists of 13 members of the band, chosen from the band. They have performed at many of the assemblies we have had this year.

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SENIOR PLAY

This year the Seniors chose a three-act comedy entitled "Seventeen is Terrific" which was presented under the direction of Mrs. Austin. After many long hours of rehearsing, the Seniors presented the play which was a success as a production and as a financial venture.



Stick 'm up



It says here . . .



Ouch!



Now, Charles, calm down!



Where did they get that?



Smile pretty!



Boo hoo hoo!



Now, wasn't that funny?

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First row: F. Ward, A. Nelson, J. Ashby, P. Reed, E. Higgins, S. Higgins, R. Boynton, R. Crane, L. Choate, F. Farris. Second row: M. Jones, D. Wright, A. Brann, J. Esancy, N. Pottle, D. Chaney, S. Clary, D. Dyer, L. Austin, S. Dale, Mrs. Austin. Third row: S. Porter, J. Young.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year the annual Christmas P. T. A. Supper was served by the Home Ec. girls under the direction of Mrs. Gray. The students presented a Christmas Operetta entitled "The Gift of the Magi," which ended in an impressive nativity scene. Background music was furnished by the band, choir, and glee club. At the close of the program, Mr. Freeman led the audience, accompanied by the band, in singing Christmas Carols.



Left to right: P. Perry, M. Wellman, J. Young, S. Porter, B. Pinette, H. Cunningham.

SPEECH PLAY

The speech class, under the direction of Mrs. Austin, presented a one act play, "The Pest Guest." In addition to their regular class work, Joyce Young and Peter Perry participated in the Spear Contest held at Waterville High School. Shirley Porter represented Erskine at the Montgomery Speaking Contest with her original speech, "Mens Sana In Corpore Sano."

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WASHINGTON TRIP

The bags have been packed, unpacked, repacked and are now on the traveling rack of the bus that is preparing for departure from a quiet and sleepy Augusta, Maine. The time is approximately six a.m. on Friday, April 12, and a crowd of too-excited-to-be-sleepy juniors and seniors has finally managed to seat itself long enough for roll to be called and the venture to get under way. They have waited almost patiently and worked very earnestly for this day and now the "Washington Club" is actually heading toward its destination. They expect to arrive in New York City by mid-afternoon where they will spend the evening and next day getting acquainted with stage shows, television studios, the U. N. and the zoo along with the many miles of "steel mountains." On the way further south to Washington, D. C., they will visit Independence Hall in Philadelphia and the skyline Caverns at Front Royal, Virginia. Three days have been allotted to the thorough investigation of Washington which will include visiting the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson Memorials, the F. B. I. Building and the Capitol. On the 18th, their steps must turn to the north and by noon the next day another very exciting and wonderful Washington trip will have been locked as one of the happiest thoughts in everyone's memory.



CURTIS MAGAZINE DRIVE

The magazine drive proved to be very successful this year. The top salesmen enjoyed a trip to the Ice Follies in the Bangor Auditorium. The highest salesman this year, Philip Woodworth, received a radio. There were many prizes given out to salesmen who sold up to thirty dollars worth.



WINTER



The King and Queen reign

CARNIVAL



The King

One of the most colorful events of the year was the Winter Carnival Ball sponsored by the various organizations of China and South China. A king, Robert Boynton, and a queen, Laura Jones, were elected by the students of Erskine Academy. Attendants to the king were: Sherman Clary, Everett Higgins, and Howard Cunningham, while the queen's attendants were: Carol Archambault, Joyce Young, Shirley Porter, and Norma Northrup. Music was furnished by the Skipper and his Mates.



The Queen



The King and Queen and their attendants



Seated, left to right: D. Dyer, S. Higgins, M. Hurd, Mrs. Austin, S. Maher, J. Ward, J. Wilson. Standing: M. Colby, G. Bumps, J. Keller, P. Merrill, R. Crane, D. Bumps, S. Tibbetts, V. Mackbach, R. Young, N. Northrup, L. Clary, J. Hallowell. Back row: C. Csengery, J. McGrath, P. Reed, M. Turner, S. Pelton, J. Suga.

THE JUNIOR NEWSPAPER

The "Erskine Eagle" has come to be a very familiar literary work here on the campus. It is a monthly publication of a variety of articles from original stories and poems to news, jokes, and a series of special features. The paper was started by the Class of '58 when they were sophomores and will be continued by them until they graduate. At that time, the business shall be willed to the "most deserving" class along with all sincere best wishes for as much enjoyment and profit as the juniors have had. This year's staff is as follows:

<i>Editors</i>	Sue Maher and Mary Hurd
<i>Literary Editors</i>	Sophia Higgins and Judith Ward
<i>Special Features</i>	Roberta Crane, Pat Reed, and Sandra Pelton
<i>News</i>	Diane Bumps, Susan Tibbetts, and Violet Mackbach
<i>Facts</i>	Roberta Crane and Priscilla Merrill
<i>Crossword Puzzle</i>	Marilyn Turner, Carol Csengery, and Pat Reed
<i>Jokes</i>	Rowena Young and Joseph Suga
<i>Chatterbox</i>	Janice Hallowell, Linda Clary, and Norma Northrup
<i>Art Editors</i>	David Dyer, Judy Wilson, and Sue Maher
<i>Circulation</i>	Carol Csengery, Mary Colby, Priscilla Merrill, Glenna Bumps, and Joan McGrath



JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The annual Junior-Senior Prom sponsored by the class of 1957 was enjoyed by a large group of students and alumni. The gym was attractively decorated in the color scheme of green and yellow with "Moonlight and Roses" for the theme. This provided a colorful background for the crowning of the Queen. Mr. Hammond crowned Patricia Kilmer as Queen. She was attended by Joan Fletcher, Janice Meader, Marilyn Thomas, and Muriel Merrill. Music for the dance was furnished by the Skipper and his Mates.





1956 SENIOR COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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Senior Last Assembly

Class Night Exercises

Junior-Senior Prom

Commencement

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ATHLETICS



Coach Hammond with managers D. Chaney and P. Day.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Erskine Eagles have done very well this year considering that all the competition this year was in a higher class than Erskine. With the help of Coach Hammond and five boys with a lot of spirit, Erskine has come up with eight wins and 10 losses. The starting five were usually: Sherm Clary, Bob Boynton, Bill Lajousky, Ralph Doe, and Joe Suga. Next year's team looks very good with Bill Lajousky, David Jones, Joe Suga, Mickey Jones, Ray Beaulieu and Pete Pilsbury. The three outstanding scorers were: Sherm Clary with 343 points; Bill Lajousky with 300 points; and Bob Boynton with 172 points. Bob Boynton had a rough year this year. Although he was captain of the team, he was out of four games with a bum knee. The schedule of the games and scores is at the top of the page.





Left to right: G. Humphrey, J. Boynton, M. Turner, J. Barnette, J. Shorette, N. Merrill, S. Jones, P. Grotton, J. Ward, V. Mackbach, J. Dowe, P. Brann, F. Farris, L. Jones.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team was very successful this year with eight games won and two lost. They were under the fine supervision of Coach Hammond. The starters were: N. Merrill, S. Jones, and M. Turner as forwards; and J. Ward, J. Dowe, and P. Grotton as guards.

N. Merrill was the highest scorer of the season with 208 points and S. Jones second highest with 163 points.



Coach Hammond checking scorebook with scorer F. Ward and manager A. Nelson.

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Heavy. Joe?



How's your aim?



"Sink it, Marilyn."



Left to right: M. Reed, C. Archambault, S. Porter, L. Clary, M. Albert, V. Mackbach.

Head cheerleader, Joyce Young.



THE ERSKINE CHEERLEADERS

The Erskine cheerleaders are under the direction of Mrs. Gray. The head cheerleader, Joyce Young, left, and S. Porter, C. Archambault, and M. Reed are seniors and will be leaving this year. These seven fighting cheerleaders stuck with our boys and helped to bring them through with eight winning games.

GOOD LUCK
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NEXT YEAR'S CHEERLEADERS!!!



Left to right: M. Reed, C. Archambault, S. Porter, J. Young, Mrs. Gray, seated, L. Clary, M. Albert, and V. Mackbach.

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THE ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletic Club at Erskine Academy has 26 members. They usually sponsor two or three cowboy shows each year to raise money. This year the money was used to help pay for the new basketball uniforms for the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Every year about this time, everyone is excited about the basketball tournament. After the tournament is over, everyone in the Athletic Club looks forward to going swimming at the Boys' Club in Waterville. When we go, we usually take some money out of the treasury and chip in a little ourselves and then we may rent the pool for the whole evening.



ALUMNI

Dear Alumni,

Instead of the usual method of remembering the Alumni, we thought it would be nice to have something different and use photographs to bring back memories of your school days at Erskine. It was once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." We hope these photographs are no exceptions.

Signed,

Robert Boynton
Shirley L. Porter

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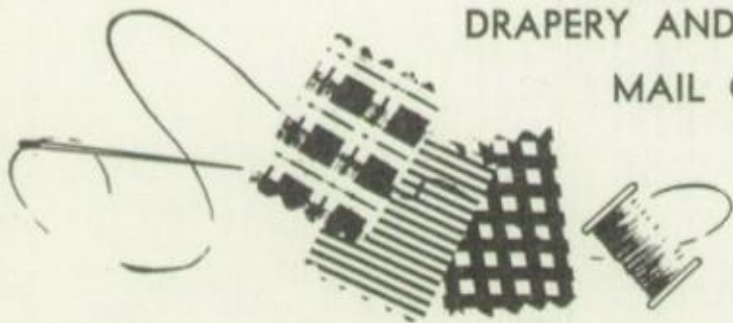
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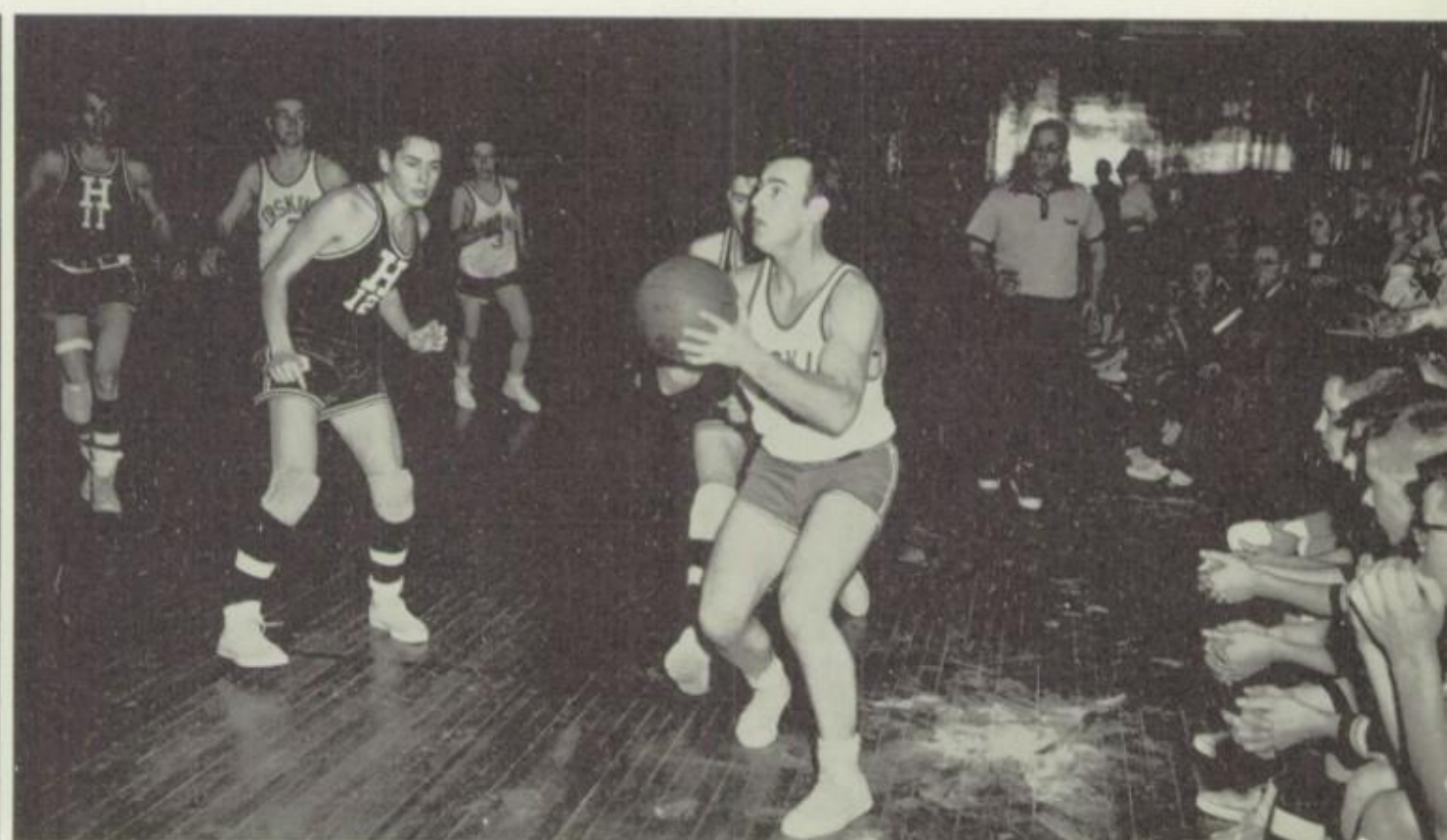
Watching the game.



Gosh! Oh, gee!



Wow!!



All clear, Sherm.



Slide, boy, slide!



Our music makers.



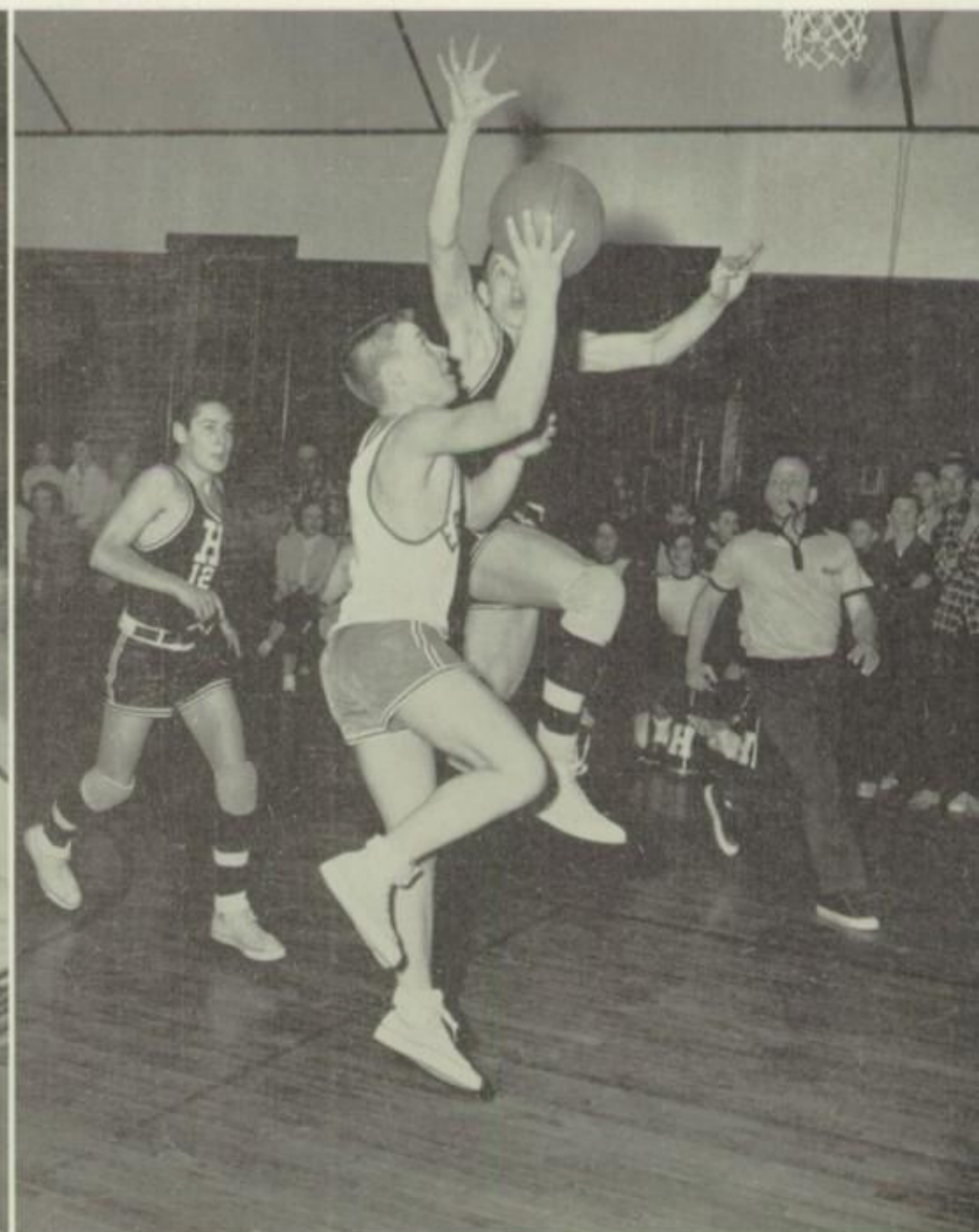
Mr. Freeman pounds cents into Peter Perry's head.



The big night, Frances?



Who are you fouling, Bob?



Let's have a basket, Moe.



Now see here, Son!



Isn't this pretty???



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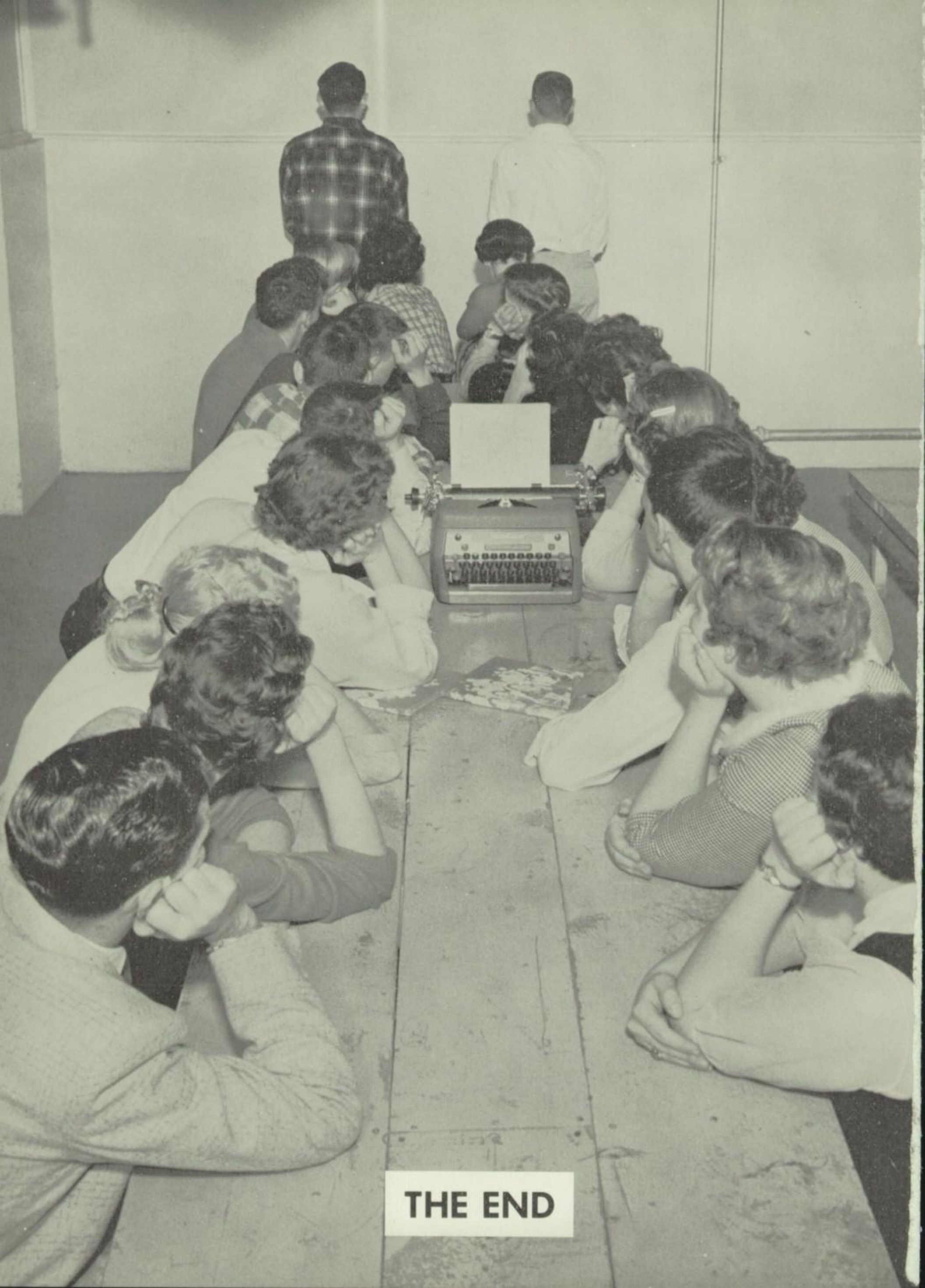


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